

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Lamoni



Decatur County
I-35 southbound and northbound
at milepost 6
Artist: David Dahlquist
Completed: November 2000

- This unique site sits on an edge in the landscape between a river bottom and upland area. This setting allows a showcase of four different vegetative communities - river bottom, woodland, riverbank, and prairie.
- Playing off the natural setting, the exterior and interior images in the masonry and pillars depict plant materials common to these communities.
- The dual sidewalk crossing the landscape of the site represents the Mormon Trail wheel tracks.
- Two overlooks are designed to look like ruins of old homesteads. One overlooks an oxbow of the Grand River, while the other overlooks Slip Bluff Lake.
- The curved drives, no fence lines and skewed orientation of the rest area/welcome center structure to the interstate make it easy for visitors to lose a sense of direction at this site. To assist travelers, designers created a plaza containing a planter to be used as a giant compass.
- The site offers pedestrian access to Slip Bluff County Park which is touted as having an overlook that rivals any view in Iowa.

